

PERRYSBURG STREET TREE COMMISSION MEETING

May 3, 2021

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Members present: Jim Hagen, Scott Kirby, Greg Kuhr, Christine Ardley, Susan Rowland Miller, Rob Ross, Mark Easterling and Kali Sawaya.

Honorary Member: Don Lieders.

Visitor: Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator for Keep Perrysburg Beautiful

We reviewed minutes from the April 5, 2021 meeting. Christine Ardley wanted to correct the April 5th minutes under Other Business. It should read the “east” side not “west” side. Christine Ardley then made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Scott Kirby second the motion and all were in favor (8-0).

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we met in the basement conference room in the Municipal Building.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW BUDGET AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE STREET TREE DEDUCTION ON PROPERTY TAXES (KEEP THE SAME, RAISE OR LOWER)

Rob Ross stated that the planning for next year’s budget begins in July. Christine Ardley asked if there is an automatic increase each year and Rob Ross said no there is not. We are able to decide how we spend our dollars. Mark Easterling said that Planning & Zoning can raise the cost of the street trees to the developers through their end. They increased the price two years ago.

Scott Kirby mentioned that there is a shortage of nursery stock.

Susan Rowland Miller asked if we should have more staffing for tree maintenance. Rob Ross said we have added one employee this year. In the five year plan, we are asking for one more as well. We have also added another chipper to our fleet this year.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY-WIDE BRUSH PICK UP UPDATE

Greg Kuhr said brush pick up has been completed – just a few days over 2 weeks and all went well.

Someone asked about storm damage – Rob Ross stated that we determine the level of damage each storm and decide if a city-wide pick up is needed. This storm was isolated so we only picked up street tree damage. Greg Kuhr reported that it took us 4 days to clean up from just street tree damage from the snow event we had.

SUMMERFIELD TOWN HOMES STREET TREE PLAN

Mark Easterling said things are on hold for now. Need to wait until Fall and then we will do another update.

ARBOR DAY UPDATE

Judy Hagen said the banners went up the day before Arbor Day. Banners will be up all this week. The newsletter is on the City's website. Hopefully next year we can go back to the "old" way of celebrating Arbor Day.

110 PARTRIDGE – NUISANCE TREE

Greg Kuhr said it is all completed – removed, stumped, filled and seeded!

PRUNING/REMOVALS REPORT

City crews removed street trees at the following locations: 1067 Birch, 434 Indiana, 115 Partridge, 4508 Turtle Creek, 26699 Mohawk, 2864 Stonefence, 140 Pheasant, 400 E. 5th, 315 Elm, Three Meadows Blvd and on Woodstream. Only 4-5 hangers around town that were removed.

City crews pruned two Crab trees on Pheasant, cleaned up several snow damaged street trees that ended up taking us four days to complete. Mostly Pears and Crabs were hit hard from the snow event.

City crews will be removing a Zelkova in the 100 block of E. 6th Street and an Ash tree in the 1000 block of Lones Drive. Then they will be moving into the Eaglecrest area.

Woods Tree Service removed a split Pin Oak located at 324 E. Second.

SITE PLANS AND PRELIMINARY PLATS 2019

Rivers Edge is the only site plan left to complete. Mark Easterling said Coventry is still outstanding as well.

BUCKEYE STATE BANK

Mark Easterling stated that he informed Buckeye State Bank by email that street trees will not be required.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judy Hagen reported that new street tree packets will be going out to those who recently received a new street tree. She asked if water bags were attached to the trees yet and Greg Kuhr answered saying they were being put on today. These bags will remain on the trees for two years.

Christine Ardley asked if a street tree at the NW corner of E. 7th across from Toth School could get the dead limbs removed from the tree. There are a lot and branches continue to fall out of this street tree.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The date for the next meeting is **MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. TBD.** Scott Kirby adjourned the meeting.

Debbie Ivan, Recording Secretary

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